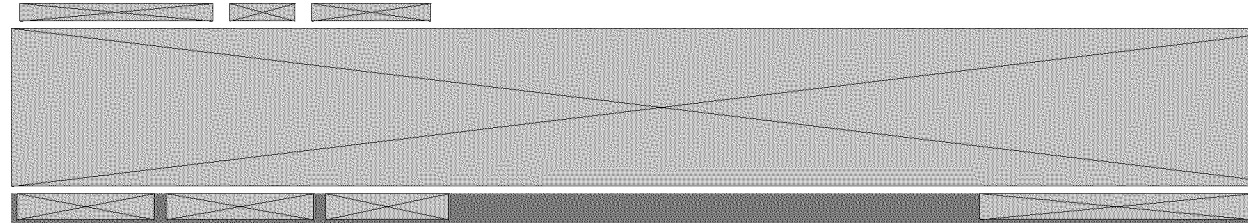


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Air Pollution

[House Subcommittee to Consider Ozone Bill April 14](#)

Members of the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Energy and Power will consider April 14 legislation that would grant states additional time to develop plans to comply with revised ozone standards, the committee announced. The Ozone...

Air Pollution

[States Want McCarthy to Act on Air Pollution Petition](#)

Officials from nine Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states called on Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy to act immediately on a petition seeking to add nine other upwind states to the Ozone Transport Region....

Asbestos

[Asbestos Verdict For Pneumo Abex Will Stand](#)

A jury verdict in favor of Pneumo Abex in an asbestos occupational exposure lawsuit will stand after the U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina found no error in the submission of causation issues to the jury (Phillips...

Budget

[EPA Sets New Formula for Flexible State, Tribal Grants](#)

The Environmental Protection Agency set out how it plans to distribute nearly \$21 million in funding for states and tribal governments in fiscal year 2016 to address high-priority environmental needs including state-led climate programs...

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[Australian Science Body Executives Defend Job Cuts](#)

Senior executives from Australia's science body April 7 appeared before a Senate inquiry to

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defend plans to cut hundreds of jobs, many of them in climate and environmental research areas....

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EPA's McCarthy Says U.S., Canada Can Lead on Methane, HFCs

The positive relationship between U.S. President Barack Obama and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau could help the two countries lead global efforts to address climate change issues, including steps to cut methane emissions and the...

Climate Change

Quebec Plans Coal Phaseout by 2030

Quebec wants to cut oil consumption by 40 percent over the next 15 years and eliminate thermal-coal usage as Canada's second most populous province strives to reduce carbon emissions....

Climate Policy

Airline Emissions Tax Top Issue for IATA's New CEO

Winning global agreement on how the airline industry is charged for carbon emissions blamed for climate change will be the top item on Alexandre de Juniac's agenda when he becomes director of the International Air Transport Association...

Climate Regulation

White House Reviewing Second Rule in Methane Package

The White House Office of Management and Budget began its review April 6 of a final Environmental Protection Agency rule that would clarify agency air permitting rules for the oil and natural gas industry. ...

Coal Mining

Mining Group: Red Tape Reduction Plans Failing

Federal regulations are imposing massive costs on the mining sector, and the Obama administration's promises to reduce red tape haven't worked, the president of the nation's largest mining association told House Republicans...

Coal Mining

Senators Hopeful Coal Ash Bill Has 60 Votes

Supporters of the Senate's coal ash legislation (S. 2446) may be able to muster the 60 votes needed to block a filibuster on the bill by bringing on board a handful of coal-friendly Democrats, lawmakers critical to the debate told Bloomberg...

Drinking Water

Cummings: 'Grave Concerns' About Snyder's Flint Testimony

Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-Md.) said April 7 he has "grave concerns" about the accuracy of testimony Gov. Rick Snyder (R) gave at a March congressional hearing on the Flint, Mich., drinking water crisis....

Endangered Species

Many Endangered Species Affected by Pesticides: EPA

Three commonly used insecticides are likely harming hundreds of endangered species and their habitats, according to a draft version of a first-of-its-kind series of studies released April 7 by the Environmental Protection Agency....

Energy

Markey Queries DOE on Public Funds for Contractor Legal Fees

Sen. Edward Markey (D-Mass.) sent a letter to the Energy Department asking what the agency has done to ensure public money isn't spent to reimburse legal fees and settlements for illegal

activities by department contractors. ...

Energy

[Off-Shore Wind Farms Can Impact Tourism, Study Says](#)

A substantial number of North Carolina beach property renters would vacation elsewhere if a wind farm were visible offshore, academic researchers say....

Enforcement

[Chinese Province Considers Air Pollution Motivation Plan](#)

Top officials in Zhengzhou, capital of Henan province in central China, could be liable for fines of up to 500,000 yuan (\$77,000) if they fail to meet targets for annual average concentration levels of particulate matter, according to an April...

International Climate

[Panel Challenges Obama Payment to Climate Fund](#)

House Oversight Committee Republicans in a letter called on the Obama administration to explain its authority to transfer \$500 million to a climate fund for developing nations without specific congressional permission to do so. ...

International Climate

[World Bank Releases 2020 Climate Change Action Plan](#)

The World Bank, in a broad plan aimed at accelerating its efforts to combat climate change, vowed April 7 to ramp up by 50 percent its funding of clean energy projects and mobilize another \$25 billion in commercial clean energy financing by 2020....

Oil Spills

[Firefighter Didn't Opt Out of BP Oil Spill Class Deal](#)

A crew member allegedly injured while his vessel helped put out the fire on the Deepwater Horizon didn't properly opt out of a medical benefits class settlement with BP, a federal appeals court ruled (In re Deepwater Horizon (Seacor Holdings...

Renewable Energy

[Google to Provide Seed Funding for Renewable Energy in Asia](#)

Google is providing seed funding for the Center for Resource Solutions to set up renewable energy certification programs across Asia, which will help companies to know the power they buy comes from clean sources....

Renewable Energy

[Investors Target Energy Accounting in Renewables Push](#)

Decades-old energy accounting practices may be keeping big U.S. oil companies from investing in renewable energy....

Renewable Energy

[Massachusetts Lawmakers OK Solar Bill Trimming Reimbursement](#)

Massachusetts lawmakers have reached a compromise on a measure that would raise the net metering cap for solar energy but decrease its reimbursement rates. ...

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[Mexico's Next Power Auction Could Spur \\$4 Billion for Renewables](#)

Mexico could raise as much as \$4 billion for clean energy projects this summer as the government seeks to continue a tender process that produced its first results in early April....

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[New York Issues Conflict of Interest Rules for Wind Farms](#)

A code of conduct for wind energy companies operating in New York has been revised to boost provisions for transparency in siting decisions and safeguards against conflicts of interest, state Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman (D) announced....

Renewable Energy

SolarCity Names Past FERC Head to New Role

Jon Wellinghoff, former chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, is joining SolarCity Corp. as chief policy officer. Wellinghoff will report to Chief Executive Officer Lyndon Rive, the San Mateo, Calif.-based company said...

Risk Assessment

More Specifics Sought in EPA's Draft Exposure Guidelines

The state of Virginia, the Department of Defense, DuPont, trade associations and environmental health advocates want the Environmental Protection Agency to provide more specific guidance and refer to more resources in human exposure assessment...

Superfund

CORRECTION

An article, "EPA Adds Five Waste Sites to National Priorities List," published April 7, should have said the comment period for a proposal to add vapor intrusion to the Environmental Protection Agency hazard rankings for the National...

Taxes

Dems Say Carbon Capture Credit May Be in FAA Bill

A tax credit for carbon capture backed by both the coal and oil industries and environmental groups may be included in a forthcoming tax package for the Federal Aviation Administration being considered on the Senate floor, Sen. Heidi Heitkamp...

Trade

Environmental Goods Negotiators Bemoan Chinese Demands

Key negotiators involved in the Environmental Goods Agreement told Bloomberg BNA they're frustrated with a series of Chinese demands that could jeopardize prospects for a final deal in 2016. ...

Water Infrastructure

Water, Wastewater Bill Could Be Ready Next Month: Inhofe

A path forward for water and wastewater infrastructure issues that could include reauthorizing the revolving state loan funds began to emerge at a Senate Environment and Public Works Committee hearing April 7....

Water Pollution

Brazil Probe Targets Olympic Sailing Bay Sewage Plants

Federal police are investigating Rio de Janeiro's state-run utility Cedae for allegations of fraud at its sewage treatment plants around the Guanabara Bay that will feature sailing competitions in the Summer Olympics, officials...

Water Resources

New Type of Fee Opposed for Inland Waterways

A coalition of 75 industry organizations, farm groups and other users of inland waterways is trying to head off new fees for water transportation that apparently are being considered in Congress for a water infrastructure bill....

ESG Accounting Standards Drafted for 10 Sectors

The Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) has finished drafting a set of sector-by-

sector guidelines for improving corporate disclosure of material environmental, social and governance (ESG) information in regular financial...

BNA INSIGHTS

The State of Environmental and Workplace Safety Criminal Enforcement in 2015

September and December of 2015 may be the most significant dates in the investigation and prosecution of corporate crimes related to the environment and workplace safety in the past twenty years. On September 9, 2015, Deputy Attorney General...

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Climate Change Takes a Seat in Corporate Board Rooms

When former climate policy architect Heather Zichal moved from the White House to a corporate board room, one of her first challenges was figuring out what chair to sit in. Now, it's figuring out how to bring climate change up in conversations...

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